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I am honored to have served as Hawaii's 11th elected Lieutenant Governor. Over the past four years, I have forged a reputation as a very "hands-on" Lieutenant Governor, with a highly accessible office dedicated to serving all of the people of Hawaii.

I was born in Honolulu in 1955, and was raised in Pearl City. After graduating from St. Louis School in 1973, I went on to attend the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. Upon graduating from the University of Hawaii's Richardson School of Law in 1981, I started my professional career with the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, and later with the city's Corporation Counsel where I was appointed Litigation Branch Chief. In 1990, I was appointed to the State Judiciary. I first served as a District Family Court judge; and, in 1993, I was appointed to the Criminal Division of the First Circuit Court. In 1996, I was appointed Administrative Judge of the newly created Hawaii Drug Court. Serving as the first judge of the highly praised, innovative Drug Court remains one of my most fulfilling achievements.

I receive constant inspiration, strength and support from my family, including my loving wife Vivian, and our four children: Makana, Ohulani, Kuli`a, and Ka`imilani. I have also actively participated in a number of professional, community, and youth-sports activities, and I continue to serve as an Honorary Chair for many charitable events and organizations.